

Happy Thanksgiving

GOLDEN KEY INTERNATIONAL HONOUR SOCIETY INDUCTS BROOKE ALYSS BASHORE



Brooke Alyss Bashore of Antwerp has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at The Ohio State University.

"It is only fitting that a top academic achiever like Brooke be recognized by Golden Key," said John W. Mitchell, Golden Key's Chief Executive

Officer. "Our members are inspired and motivated not only to achieve exceptional academic accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key International Honour Society is the world's premier collegiate honor society, with more than 1.7 million members and over 360 chapters in the United States, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. The global nonprofit organization provides academic recognition to top-performers college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, career and internship opportunities, networking, service and leadership development opportunities. Membership into the Society is by invitation only, to students in all fields of study. Golden Key was founded in 1977 in Atlanta, Georgia. The Society is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS).

For more information about Golden Key International Honour Society, please visit www.goldenkey.org

HUNTING IS IMPORTANT OHIO TRADITION

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

From our state's earliest settlers to today's outdoorsmen, hunting has always been an important part of Ohio's culture and traditions, bringing generations of family and friends together under a common bond, while fostering a lasting appreciation for local wildlife.

For years, hunting was a necessary part of survival. While this motivation is not the primary reason for most hunting today, the sport still plays an essential role in the culture of our communities, the health of our environment and the success of our economy.

According to the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Ohio ranks 6th nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 4th in the number of jobs associated with the hunting industry. Overall, the sport has a \$1.5 billion economic impact on the state each year.

In addition, hunters are valuable contributors to local, state and national conservation efforts. The Division of Wildlife dedicated more than \$26 million to fish and wildlife management last fiscal year using revenue from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

The importance of hunting can also be measured by its impact on families and communities. The quality time

outdoors shared between fathers and sons, mothers and daughters and grandparents and grandchildren helps to strengthen the family bond, while providing an excellent opportunity to not only teach our young people how to be skilled hunters and responsible gun owners, but instills values and wisdom that will help them succeed later in life.

Unfortunately, the number of hunters in Ohio and across the country has been on the decline in recent years, which could impact our local and state economies, disrupt conservation efforts and jeopardize a valuable opportunity to mentor the younger generation.

With this in mind, I sponsored House Bill 296 during the 126th General Assembly, as a member of the Ohio House, which created an apprentice-hunting license program. The bill allows a person with an apprentice license to hunt before completing hunter education courses, as long as they are accompanied by a fully licensed mentor, 21 years or older. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, more than 8,000 young hunters took advantage of the apprentice-license program in its first year and hopefully these numbers will continue to grow in the years to come.

I would also like to mention that Ohio's popular deer-gun hunting season opens

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PEVS Master Teachers pictured left to right: Debra Papsakis, Caroline Arend, and Sandra Mohley.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Jane Bauer, 85, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at Vancrest Healthcare Center, Van Wert, Ohio.

Betty was born in Antwerp, on August 31, 1923, the daughter of the late Harry R. and Hattie G. (Ours) Bissell.

She worked at Magnavox for 48 years. On March 20, 1942 she married Richard Bauer, Sr., who passed away September 6, 2000.

She will be sadly missed by her son, Richard, Jr. (Sharon) of Antwerp; brother, Robert "Bing" Bissell of Payne; grandchildren: Yvonne (Dan) Marlin and Todd; and great-grandchildren: Teeghun and Ethan Marlin.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Flossie Seslar.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, November 22, with Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. She was laid to rest at Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Her family requests donations to Paulding Area VNA & Hospice, Alzheimer's Association or Antwerp V.E.T.S. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

Helen Johnston Bear, 65, of Cecil, passed away Thursday, November 20, 2008 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

Helen was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 13, 1943, the daughter of the late Paul W. Bodell and Grace M. (Belman) Crawford.

She worked at McDonald's in Paulding and was a member of The Rock Church, Oakwood, where she was the church secretary and taught Sunday school. On June 13, 1994, she married Joseph Bear, who survives.

Helen will be sadly missed by her husband, Joe; daughters:

Cindy (Scott) Rosebrock of Delaware Bend, Cheri (Larry) Ray of Paulding, Candy (Mike) Minck of Grover Hill, Nicole and Cristina Bear both of Bryan; son, Edward Johnston, Jr. of Cecil; sister, Sonya Toms of Edgerton; brothers: Glen Crawford, Jr. of Sherwood and Don Crawford of Elkhart, IN; 15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Glen Crawford; brother, Paul Bodell, Jr.; and great-granddaughter, Olivia.

Her funeral service was at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, November 23, with Rev. Burnell Hammons officiating.

Her family requests donations to Dooley Funeral Home, PO Box 452 Antwerp, Ohio 45813. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com



Jerry Lee Shrider, 65, of Cecil, died Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne, IN.

He was born November 1, 1943 in Paulding County, Ohio, the son of William B. and Kathryn (Pollard) Shrider. He married Mary Ann Miller, who preceded him in death on June 28, 1980. On September 18, 1992 he married Charlene Smith, who survives. He was a retired

Sergeant in the US Army. After retiring he worked for Miles Training Equipment, Indianapolis, a private military contractor, from 1986 - 1992. He was a member of V.F.W. Post #587, Fraternal Order of Eagles #2405, and Academy Model Aeronautics "Prop Floppers".

He is survived by his wife, Charlene Shrider of Cecil; his mother, Kathryn Shrider of Paulding; a son, Steve (Vicki) Shrider of Queen Creek, AZ; a step-son, Brian (Dorothy) Bauer of Paulding; a sister, Donna (Lonnie) Schooley of Paulding; two grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Ann Shrider; his father, William B. Shrider; and a son, Danny J. Shrider.

Funeral services were conducted November 22 at the Payne Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Michael Harper officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside services provided by V.F.W. Post #587.

Donations may be made to Filling Home of Mercy, Napoleon, Ohio, or the Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne, Ohio. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



Joseph W. Coughlin, 84, of Paulding, died Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Payne, Ohio on December 5, 1923 the son of William J. and Matilda A. (Ditlinger) Coughlin. On April 16, 1947 he married Harriett C. Swager who survives. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran serving during World War II. In 1986, he retired from Macallister Machinery Co. Fort Wayne where he was a mechanic for 29 years. He was employed as a safety director by Cooper Farms, Oakwood, Ohio where he was affectionately known as "Safety Joe." He was a lifetime member of the Grover Hill V.F.W. Post #2873 and was also a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding.

He is survived by his wife, Harriett Coughlin of Paulding, six children: Jerry (Jennifer) Coughlin of Cincinnati, OH; Janet (Richard)

Peters of Fort Wayne, IN; Steven Coughlin of Oberlin, OH; Stanley (Patricia) Coughlin of Findlay, OH; Michael Coughlin and Susan (Rodney) Kreager both of Paulding; two brothers: Donald (Sue) Coughlin of Payne and Frank (Bonnie) Coughlin of Antwerp; three sisters: Evelyn (Wayne) Copsey of Payne; Margaret McNamee of St. Mary's, OH and Patricia (Mike) Young of Buck Creek, IN; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were November 24, 2008 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding where Grover Hill V.F.W. Post #2873 accorded graveside military rites.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Masses or to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com



Carmen Trevino Ruiz, 87, of Fort Wayne, IN, died Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

She was born April 15, 1921, in Ennis, Texas, the daughter of Juan Cruz and Concepcion (Hernandez) Trevino. On November 30, 1938 she married Espetacion (John) Ruiz, who preceded her in death on June 8, 1986. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, the Renew Group, Guadalupe Society, and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by three sons: Jose (Maria Olga) Ruiz of Defiance, Juan Cruz (Cathy) Ruiz of Payne, and Paul Ruiz of Fort Wayne; daughters: Irene (Raul) Perez of Paulding, Connie Torres of Fort Wayne, Louise (Milton) Zimmerman of Wauseon, OH, Celia Foelber of Fort Wayne, Martha (David) Carsten of Savannah, TN, Magdalena Pfefferkorn of Fort Wayne, Leonor "Lanni" (Denny) Connelly of Fort Wayne, Teresa (David) Smith of LaFayette, IN, and Elida

(Mark) Sorg of Hoagland, IN; a brother, Frank (Julia) Trevino of Donna, TX; a sister, Petra Moreno of Fort Wayne; thirty-two grandchildren; fifty-two grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by two sons: Daniel and David Ruiz; two brothers: Cruz and Senon Trevino; and a sister, Tena Rodriguez.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 26 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. Visitation will be on Wednesday one-hour prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding; St. Jude Parish, 2130 Pemberton Dr., Ft. Wayne; or Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. On-line condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

Mary Lou Cramer, 81, of Paulding, died Sunday, No-

ember 16, 2008 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born September 13, 1927 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Paul G. and Esther M. (Ream) Cramer.

In 1987 she retired from Paulding-Putnam Electrical Cooperative where she was a bookkeeper for 35 years. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Paulding, Ohio.

She is survived by one brother, Paul E. (Shirley) Cramer of Paulding; two nephews; and one niece.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were November 21, 2008 at the First Christian Church, Paulding with Rev. Gregory Bibler officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the First Christian Church Building Fund or to the P.C. Workshop, Paulding.

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—Dave and Mary Fisher

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REACHING OUT IN LOVE

By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church

Visiting hours in the hospital were just about over when the nurse escorted a tired, anxious young man to the bedside of the elderly man. "Your son is here," she whispered to the patient. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. He was heavily sedated and he dimly saw the figure of the young man standing beside his bed. When he reached out his hand, the young man tightly wrapped his fingers around it, squeezing a message of encouragement. The nurse brought a chair to the bedside.

All through the night the young man sat holding the old man's hand and offering gentle words of hope. The dying man said nothing. As dawn approached, the patient died. The young man gently placed on the bed the lifeless hand he had been holding. Then he went to notify the nurse.

The nurse began to offer words of sympathy when the young man stopped her and said, "Ma'am could you tell me who that man was?" The startled nurse replied, "I thought he was your father." No," the young man softly said, "he was not my father. I never saw him before in my life. I had been visiting another friend in the hospital and happened to overhear what a difficult time this man was having and decided to come in to help."

"Why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" asked the nurse.

The gracious young man replied, "I sensed that he really needed his son, and that his son just wasn't here. He was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son... and it was then that I realized how much he needed me."

As I reflected on that touching story, I was reminded of its abiding truth. "He needed me." There are scores of people whose lives crisscross with yours every week who have a broad spectrum of need. Some simply need a smile. Some a word of encouragement. Some a listening ear.

Many are folks you see on a regular basis. The guy at the office. The lady at the grocery store. The teller at the bank.

Others you may not know at all. But that really doesn't matter, does it? All that matters is how much they need someone to reach out to them in Christ's love. That fact is the bottom line. Right?

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WAYNE TRACE NHS INDUCTION CEREMONY



Wayne Trace High School held its annual induction ceremony to the National Honor Society on Friday, November 14, 2008. All juniors with a 3.5 GPA at the end of their sophomore year are eligible to apply. With the application, candidates are required to submit two recommenda-

tions. Teachers complete an informal evaluation on each potential member, then a panel of five staff members finalizes the selection process. Candidates are evaluated on the basis of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Ten juniors were selected for membership to this pres-

tigious society. They include: Front - Sarah Lantow, Kelsey Gerber, Jenna Stoller, Molly Long, Chelsy Shuherk, Brenna Dunham. Back - Evan Klopfenstein, Henk Akkerman, Simon Hessler, Brock DeLong

2008 JOHN PAULDING HISTORICAL SOCIETY FESTIVAL TREES CLOSES AND SOCIETY LOOKS TO NEXT YEAR

"Here Comes Santa Claus" will be the theme for the 2009 Festival of Trees at the John Paulding Historical Society so decorators start your planning.

This year was our best year ever with over 1,400 children and adults attending the festival. The decorators never cease to amaze us with their unique ideas. We hope you enjoyed the nine foot tree, the 12 foot tree, and the upside down tree which were all new this year and also the competition between the Michigan tree and the Ohio State Tree. And, of course, Lucy is always a delight to the die-hard Lucy fans. The collection of snowmen that filled one of the bedrooms, Santa catching a last minute nap with the filmy negligee left on the head of the bed and the feather trees and the list goes on. The wooden Peanut figures and friends were a delight to both young and old alike.

We hope you enjoyed the special music that was planned for every evening. We have such great talent in our county. It really got us into the Christmas spirit.

The talking tree had a super time. He is back in the forest with his siblings getting refreshed for next year. We are so glad that the children and the adults enjoy talking to him.

We had over 50 decorators this year. Local residents, churches, schools, health agencies, day cares, local businesses, cub scouts, garden clubs all were hoping to be chosen the People Choice Award, but the winning tree was the Caring and Sharing Tree from the Paulding Food Pantry.

The quilt that was worked on this past winter at the Historical Society was won by Rae Ann Pieper. Another one is in the planning stages for this next year.

We always need new trees to replace those that just won't stand anymore or have lost branches, so if you have one you would like to donate just drop it off at JPHS. We are looking for new members to be on the committee next year. Give us a call if you are interested.

Several times this past weekend we heard people tell us that they had never been to the Historical Society before, didn't know it was even on Fairground Drive. I guess it is true. We really are the best kept secret in Paulding County.

Looking forward to seeing you again next year at the Festival of Trees.

—Louella Thomas, Dianne Stouffer, Anna Kausler, Rose Munger and Eileen Kochensparger

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Searing wrote an opinion column in the *Paulding Progress*, "Why didn't they tell us?" and in response to that column I would like to say:

Mr. Searing, generally speaking, I always believed that no man (or woman) should become bigger than their own britches. Should this happen, my advice is to lose the weight or buy a bigger pair. Either way, sir, they are put on one leg at a time; no matter who you pretend to be.

Presuming that the people of Paulding don't know a hilla-beans, well, I guess it might be time for you to buy yourself those new pants. Or, you can do us all a huge favor and take a few Roloids and remain in the same ones.

Most Humbly,
—Christine L. West

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SETH RISTER AMONG WINNERS OF NICKTOON'S GREATER CREATOR CONTEST

Recently, Nicktoons Network, a division of Nickelodeon Television Network, sponsored the 2008 Animation Film Festival, Greater Creator Contest. This was the 5th Annual animation contest. This was a contest of skill and talent. The rules required that entrants be age 6-17 years old, that they submit a drawing or animation of an original character and an essay describing the show idea using 200 words or less. Entries were judged on subjective criteria including originality of the entry, character design, and creativity. One Grand Prize winner received a four-day trip to visit the Nicktoon Network Animation Studio in California. Two First Prize winners received a visit at

a construction worker who travels around the country working construction jobs. He ran into an alien girl named Tasha (from a city hidden deep inside the moon). Tasha has a robot named Bolt. Bolt was made in a factory on the moon to help Tasha. Tasha has been sent to Earth to gather information about each state in the United States. But Tasha and Bolt get lost easy and because Marty knows his way around, they kidnap Marty to tell them how to get to each state and to figure out what they need to know. Tasha and Bolt learn about each state and the people who live there. They learn that people in Ohio like Ohio State football. They learn about wedgies (and like to practice on Marty—over one hundred times so far). They learn about video games, burps, and action movies. But Tasha, Marty, and Bolt ran into a villain named MeTL and his evil sidekick, Tenacle. MeTL and Tenacle are from Planet Zorcola. MeTL and Tenacle are after Marty, too, because Marty accidentally picked up a powerful crystal and put it in his bag. MeTL needs the crystal to rule Earth.

About his win, Seth said, "It is fun being the creator of Robotmania. I had a little help from my friend Hayden Williamson. He helped me with the ideas. I'm glad I won the 'Animation Matters' t-shirt."

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statewide on December 1st and runs through December 7th. The season will also include an extra weekend of gun hunting on December 20-21st. This year, the Division is teaming up with Farmer and Hunters Feeding the Hungry—a national ministry, which works to collect venison to feed hungry Americans—to encourage Ohio hunters to donate any extra venison to local food banks and other charitable organizations helping Ohioans in need. For more information, please visit www.fhf.org.

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I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.



their school by the Animation Academy from Nicktoons. Finally, 75 entrants won t-shirts from Nicktoons with the slogan "Animation Matters" on front of their shirts. Thousands of entries were received from many talented kids all over the world!

One of the winners of a t-shirt for his entry was 7 year old Seth Rister of Antwerp. Seth submitted his original character, named Marty, and the show idea he called "Robotmania". Seth's cartoon idea was as follows: Marty is

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ANTWERP HISTORY

By: Stan Jordan

Well friends, here it is Thanksgiving already and another year has gone by. I am sitting here and looking back at what a fine year 2008 was for the people in the area.

This summer was probably the best we've had for a long time. I'm talking about the excessive heat and humidity that we didn't have this year. The fall was very nice also. I'm going to list a lot of things that we should be thankful for, here in Antwerp, and we at WBN.

Here are some of our friends who helped with pictures and data for me in the last few months: Leota Davis, Lucile Seslar, Barbara Reeb Cleland, Marty Hunt, Jeff Temple, Kathy Wilson, Ray and Dorthy Jeffery, Dick Smith, Shirley and Wendell Heisler, Cindy Schlatter, Pinky, Darlene and Tony Billman, Jean Derck Rinehart and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Martin.

I'm sure I've probably missed some donors, but I assure you we appreciate all your help. Thanks again.

Now let's talk about some of these doin's and goin's on we had this year.

The girls High School Softball team, they were a good team and went farther in the District and Regionals than ever before. Many of them received individual awards. A banner year for our school.

In May on Memorial Day, it was wonderful weather, with a fine parade with the High School Band, Boy Scouts and other marching units.

In July, Larry Copsey, was in charge of this year's Cruise

In, and it was a humdinger. I think 128 cars were here.

The first annual Alumni Baseball Game was held this summer with a good participation. All the fellows we talked to want it to be an annual affair.

In August, the Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Day in the Park. The weather was fantastic, lots of vendors, fine entertainment, good food and the largest crowd ever. We even received letters from some people from the other side of the county letting us know they enjoyed the whole day.

The Halloween Parade, this Fall, was top notch. We went down to the Fire Station and watched all the proceedings with the witches, goblins, spacemen and you name it. We even had a lunch with the Firemen's Auxiliary. The Chamber did another good job here.

On one of the hottest days of the summer the Plaque commemorating the death of the three EMS was dedicated. Their passing is and will be missed by all.

I talked to Jim Pendergrast today and he tells me the restoration of the old Depot is moving right along and all the papers have been filed as needed. He also tells me that the Eagles are now being seen along Road 204 west of SR 49. I'm really glad that more people are watching for them and letting us know their whereabouts.

Loretta Baker, the Village Fiscal Officer, went through all of the old city records that she could find for me about January 1880. I wanted to find out what we paid for the Riverside Park, now Veteran's Memorial Park. She tells me that all those old records are gone, destroyed, lost or something. But, gee whiz, that's only 128 years ago. Thank you, Loretta, for your help. We still have one more avenue to follow.



JOEL PENTON VISITS ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL

Former Ohio State defensive lineman Joel Penton spent the afternoon of November 19 at the Antwerp School making a motivational speech to Antwerp students in grades 6-12. Penton, an Academic All-American and a member of three Big-Ten Championship teams, challenged the Antwerp students to "re-focus" on

making positive choices and to help make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. His presentation included video clips of his playing days as well as upbeat music to capture the attention of the student body. In this picture shown here, Penton is having a little fun with University of Michigan football fan Jeremy Chafin, a senior at Antwerp High School.

We are all thankful that the new US 24 bypass is moving along according to schedule and there haven't been any accidents or people getting hurt, we are grateful for that.

The summer rain came pretty late but it helped some of the beans and corn. I know it didn't help everyone, but we're thankful for what we got.

As I understand, the new wing at the Manor House will be finished about the middle of December. I know some people are waiting for a room.

On November 11th, Vet-

eran's Day, all the Vets were invited to the High School for a remembrance. The program was fine with a military air. After the program ended all the Vets were invited to stay and have lunch at the cafeteria like the students do. They had erected a special table on the stage for us. The kitchen workers really took care of us and served us a fine lunch. It was really gratifying to sit and watch the students at lunch, like they are every school day.

I am really thankful for our new school and staff. They are all so dedicated. But what I'm thankful for is the students and their desire and dedication. In the coming years, they will be the leaders and teachers and citizens and from what I see, they can handle it.

I'm also thankful for my pal, Zeke, for joining us at WBN. He's been around since WWII and it is a compliment to have him appear in the WBN.

See Ya!



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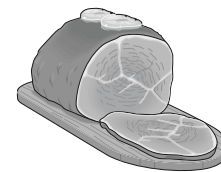
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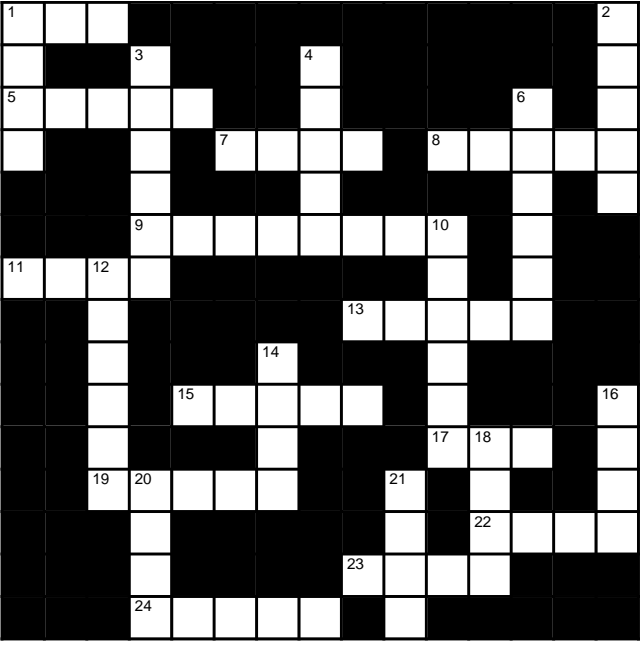
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| 1. Short, Paper, Upper | 1. Study, Book, History |
| 5. Net, Patrol, Repellent | 2. Fish, Fire, Shock |
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| 8. Bicycle, Pin, Wagon | 4. Mate, Aid, Rate |
| 9. Shock, Eel, Motor | 6. Queen, Spot, Sleep |
| 11. Leap, New, Lunar | 10. Copy, Paper, Dating |
| 13. Political, Surprise, Christmas | 12. Age, Number, Energy |
| 15. Mail, Belt, Berry | 14. Door, Yard, Owl |
| 17. Fishing, Hair, Safety | 16. Road, Exercise, Stationary |
| 19. Letter, Stitch, Smoke | 18. Chair, Money, Street |
| 22. Horse, Snow, Leather | 20. French, Car, Stag |
| 23. Boom, Face, Grand | 21. Bridge, Back, Card |
| 24. Silent, Starry, Good | |

WESLEY R. FAHRBACH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FOR SENATOR VOINOVICH VISITS ANTWERP



Wesley Fahrbach & Antwerp Mayor Ray DeLong

By: Sue Knapp

District Representative for Senator Voinovich, Wes Fahrbach, visited Antwerp on November 20. In attendance was Mayor Ray DeLong, Administrator Sarah Keeran, and Fiscal Officer Loretta Baker.

Mr. Fahrbach visits each county in his territory periodically. His territory consists of 19 counties. He has been with Senator Voinovich for 1½ years.

The purpose of his visit was to listen to any issues the town may have. He then writes a report and sends it to Senator Voinovich who then reviews it and passes it on to the departments to which the issue pertains.

The issues commented on by Mayor DeLong and Administrator Keeran were the Fiscal Watch the town was under and the route taken to rectify that. How Dana-Weatherhead closing and Atwood-Spec Temp's situation was hurting the town's economy was asked by Mr. Fahrbach. Sarah Keeran mentioned the problem of all the

Utility money being spent on repairs and replacing broken down pumps, etc., and not having the money to repair streets and replace old sewer lines. Administrator Keeran asked if the government could help out with these problems. She did comment that when the new US 24 was finished, less stress would be put on our streets. Mr. Fahrbach commented that he will mention these needs. He then gave advice on receiving certain grants.

On the positive note, financially, the Village is in better shape. There are the new housing developments in Antwerp and the town officials are doing what they can to help the growth in Antwerp. The Dana-Weatherhead plant was purchased and is leasing out to industries.

Mayor DeLong asked how the Senator felt about the auto industry receiving a bail out. Mr. Fahrbach replied that the Senator felt we ought to do something considering the fact that Ohio depends so much on the auto industry.

V.E.T.S. MEMORIAL UPDATE

On November 1 the V.E.T.S. Memorial group was host to over 150 people who came out to Grant's Reception Hall to support our Beef, Brew & Band Bash. Over \$4000.00 was raised that evening. The full buffet and soft drinks were all generously donated by Linda Grant along with the use of her facilities and patriotic decorations. Our American Legion Post 253 donated prizes along with the brew that was enjoyed. The band "Blind Justice" provided the country/soft rock music and donated a portion of their fee back to the V.E.T.S. Dennis Brinkman was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing and very generously donated all the winnings back to the Memorial fund.

The cookbooks we made titled "A Taste of Freedom" continue to sell rapidly. If you are looking for a gift or would like 550 favorite local recipes contact anyone in our group. We also have several styles of patriotic T-shirts available in sizes small through 3Xlarge.

Here's 11 more names that have been turned in for the memorial tablets: Archie Terwilleger, James Groover, William Wetli, Robert Sosbe, Dana Sosbe, Charles R. Mobley, Norman Howe, George Rhonehouse, Hil-

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NOW READ THIS

By: Stan Jordan

In the last couple weeks I wrote a story about the life and legend of William Bonney, aka, Billy the Kid. He was shot to death by Pat Garrett, Sheriff of Lincoln County, NM in 1881. I'm writing a follow-up story now on Pat Garrett himself.

Pat Garrett was born in Cusseta, Alabama in 1850. He grew up in Louisiana on a prosperous plantation in the area of Claiborne Parish. He left home in 1809 and became a cowboy in Dallas County, Texas in 1869. He then left Texas in 1875 to hunt buffalo. In 1878, Garrett shot and killed a fellow hunter over a disagreement about buffalo hides. While he was dying, the fellow asked for forgiveness and this brought tears to Garrett's eyes.

Garrett went on into New Mexico and punched cattle for awhile, but he quit that

Charlie Bowdre and captured the 'Kid' and his companions and took them to Mesilla, NM for trial. Where the 'Kid' escaped he killed J. W. Bell and Bob Olinger; this was on April 28, 1881.

On July 14, 1881, Garrett killed the 'Kid' in more or less an ambush and this did not rate well on Garrett's reputation the rest of his life. Still at the time of this shooting he received numerous law enforcement positions.

He ran for the County Sheriff's Office in 1882 and was defeated. He was never paid any reward for killing William Bonney, alias Billy the Kid. They said he was the sheriff and that was his job to kill the 'Kid'.

In 1884, he ran for a seat on the State Senate and lost. His reputation for killing Billy was wearing thin. Later that year he went to Texas and helped found and was a Captain in a company of Texas Rangers.

process of talks with Garrett to purchase some land, rode together heading from Las Cruces in Adamson's wagon. A man named Jesse Wayne Brazel, who had some words with Garrett about grazing some goats on this land showed up on horseback along the way. They started arguing over the goats on Garrett's land. It is alleged that Garrett leaned over the seat to pick up his shotgun and Brazel drew his pistol and shot Pat in the head and then once more in the stomach as he fell from the wagon. Brazel and Adamson left the body by the roadside and returned to Las Cruces and told the Sheriff about the killing.

There was a lot of controversy about the killing, but Brazel admitted it and claimed he shot in defense as it was known that Garrett carried a double-barreled shotgun and also had a fiery temper. The trial lasted 45 minutes and Brazel was acquitted.

Garrett was buried March 5, 1908 next to his daughter, Ida, in the Masonic Cemetery in Las Cruces.

The site of his death is commemorated by a historical marker, which can be visited off of the south of US 70 between Las Cruces and Sam Augustin Pass.

Like I said earlier, the way he killed the 'Kid' was a stone around his neck the rest of his life.

See Ya!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS AT LADYBUGS

By: Sue Knapp
Ladybugs Floral and Gifts in Woodburn, IN is having a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. There

will be door prizes and refreshments. Ladybugs will also do tree decorating, gift wrapping and orders will be taken for holiday centerpieces.

To help the Woodburn Food Bank, Ladybugs is collecting canned and boxed food at the Christmas Open House.

On Friday, December 12 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Ladybugs will offer pictures taken with Santa. They will be collecting for the Woodburn Food Bank during this event also.

Ladybugs will be closed November 27 through November 30. Their phone will be checked regularly for flower needs.

PLAYSTATION 3 STOLEN FROM LIBRARY

The Paulding County Carnegie Library reports that the library's PlayStation 3 has been stolen. "We were excited to acquire this unit earlier in the year, as it provides an opportunity to draw more youth into the library," stated Susan Pieper, Library Director. "The kids have enjoyed competing in "Guitar Hero" sessions. Studies have found that events such as these attract reluctant readers into the library. Once they are here, we hook them up with books. It continues to surprise me when library items are not returned or in this case outright taken. We are trying to keep our chins up here, but with the failure of the library levy and now this, well, it is depressing, to say the least." The PlayStation 3 was connected to the television in the library meeting room. All the cords were also taken.

If anyone has any information about the library's PlayStation 3, contact the library at 419-399-9021 or the Paulding Police at 419-399-3311.



ANTWERP CONSERVATION CLUB NEWS

On October 18, the Antwerp Conservation Club sponsored the second Gene Snyder Memorial Shoot. It was a 50 bird event. The winner was Paul Karris Sr. from Hicksville. Paul broke a 48.

The above picture is Ger-

ry Snyder's widow presenting Paul with the trophy. It was a nice day. We had 25 shooters. Paul Karris Jr. won the Las Vegas shoot which was followed by a nice lunch. I think all went away happy. This memorial shoot will be carried on each year for at least 15 years.

So next year get that old shot gun out and come out to the club for a fun day.



and opened his own saloon. He was a tall man and the Mexicans referred to him as Juan Largo or Long John. In 1879 he married Juanita Gortierrez who died in the first year. Then he married Juanita's sister and they had seven children.

On November 7, 1880, the sheriff of Lincoln County, NM retired with two months left on his term. The republican party appointed Pat as sheriff and ordered him to run down and capture Billy the Kid, who had killed a number of men and was a desperado at that time and terrorized that area. The NM Governor had personally put up \$500.00 for the capture of the 'Kid'.

On December 19, in a shoot out with the 'Kids' gang, Garrett killed Tom O'Follard, one of Billy's close friends. A few nights later, Garrett killed

In 1889, he was back in NM and ran for office and lost. He then left NM in 1891 for Uvalde, Texas and then in 1896 he was back in NM.

In December of 1901, President Roosevelt, who became a friend of Pat Garrett, appointed him Customs Collector in El Paso, Texas, a job he held for five years. He did not get reappointed for that job because he put Teddy in a bad spot when he had a notorious gambler pose with Teddy in a picture and this caused the President some unpopular publicity.

Garrett had lost all his help from high up people, he was in debt pretty bad, and the way he killed the 'Kid' never settled down. Lots of people had liked the 'Kid'.

On February 8, 1908, Garrett and a man named Carl Adamson, who was in the

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DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,

Many thanks to the voters of our school district who supported the renewal levy. The school board, administration, teachers, and support staff will continue to work very hard to provide a quality education for our students and to make wise decisions on spending the money the taxpayers have provided.

December is a busy month for the school district with many Christmas programs as well as the beginning of the winter athletic events. We are very proud of our many talented students and invite the community to attend our December concerts, programs, and athletic contests. What a wonderful way to celebrate the season. Check the calendar at the right side of this page for dates and times. Most programs and concerts are free and it's not too late for our district residents, 65 years and older, to stop at the administration building and pick up a senior citizen pass for free admission to all athletic contests.

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools Board of Education meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. I invite each of you to attend meetings and learn more about what is happening in the school district. As always, I welcome any questions or comments you may have about our district. Working together, we will continue to improve our school district.

Pat Ross
Superintendent

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS

Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

Congratulations to the following students for their selection as PAWS winners during the month of November: Kindergarten-Dominic Carnahan, Johnathon Clappsaddle, Gabe Sutton; Grade 1-Sydney Kohart, Tyler Snipes, Liberty Willis; Grade 2-Jaret Miller, Brock Schooley, Gavin Winkler; Grade 3-Isaac Baldwin, Kaylee Plummer, Shelby Stahl; Grade 4-Tim Puckett, Preston Ingol, Darion Rowe and Grade 5-Brody Temple, Alex Ringle, Sierra Bullard.

During the past month, the following staff members were nominated by students for their efforts toward making Paulding Elementary an excellent educational environment: Physical Education teacher Mr. Rhodes nominated by Preston Ingol, Grade 2 teacher Mrs. McMichael nominated by Kamyndy Etzler, Special Education teacher Mrs. Miller nominated by Alexis Griffith.

The character trait word for the first week of December is Self Control. During the following two weeks, the character trait words of Respect and Patience will be featured.

Several important events are coming up in the month of December. On December 2, radio stations 98.1 and 105.7 will visit the elementary to receive money and non-perishable food items collected for the "Christmas for Kids" and "Neighbors In Need" programs. On December 2, students in grades 4 and 5 will participate in the first round of our local Geography Bee. On December 4, eleven students will ride in a limousine and have lunch at McDonalds (the students were the top sellers during our Fall PTO fundraiser project); our annual "Reading Is A Sport" program will get in full swing with a visit by several high school athletes as they promote the importance and enjoyment associated with reading; the PTO will sponsor a family movie night in the auditoria. Our elementary Christmas program will take place December 11 at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the auditoria.

Reminder to parents that the 2nd nine week grading period will end December 23. This will be our last day of school before the holiday break. School will resume January 5.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a sunny, but chilly November day! Time continues to fly by, and we are now halfway through the second quarter of this school year. Thank you to all of our parents who attended parent/teacher conferences. Our students definitely benefit in a positive way when we all work together. Please remember, parent/teacher communication is not limited to twice a year at fifteen minute appointments. Any time questions or concerns arise regarding your child's education, please contact us.

On November 3, two of our teachers, Mrs. Lamb and Ms. March, helped our students "vote" for president. Our elementary precinct voted in the computer lab. Students registered, waited on a booth (computer) to

open, cast their presidential vote, and received their "I voted" stickers. Through Studies Weekly, we watched the results of students across the nation who also voted that day on-line. This was a great hands-on experience for our students, which sparked many conversations and questions about the voting process and how leaders are chosen.

Our kindergartners and second graders would like to thank the members of the John Paulding Historical Society for inviting them to tour the Festival of Trees on November 11 and 13. The second graders enjoyed decorating their tree with ornaments created in art class; the talking tree was a BIG hit, as were the juice and cookies; and our 5th/6th grade choir appreciated the opportunity to perform their first gig of the year during the festival.

December is a very busy month at Oakwood Elementary-no different than at your homes, right?! **We are looking forward to a visit from 98.1 WDFM and Rick Small on December 2. As part of the Christmas for Kids campaign, we will present a check to Joe Snyder for the Oakwood Christmas Elf fund during a live broadcast. The money was raised during our Student Council-sponsored penny pitch. Thank you to all who donated - we truly have wonderful, giving families in our community! **Our 5th graders will perform a Christmas play on December 16 at 7:00; and our 5th/6th grade choir and 6th grade band invite you to their Christmas program on Thursday, December 18, at 7:00. Please come see these performances if you can!

Oakwood Elementary wishes you and your family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Greetings from the Middle School! November has gone very quickly and we are moving towards the end of the second nine weeks. It is hard to imagine we will have half of the school year completed before Christmas.

Parent-teacher conferences for the first half of the year have come and gone. It was nice to see parents interested in their child's education by attending these conferences and discussing their child's academics with our staff. Parents are their kids' number one teachers and we need that home support to help us here at school. Please stay involved in what your children do here. Please plan on attending and scheduling a parent-teacher conference on February 5 or 10, 2009.

Our After School Program is up and running. This program allows students to get bonus help after school and do some activities to help them be successful.

On November 14, our 8th graders had the distinct pleasure to visit and tour Vantage Career Center. We thank Vantage for their kindness and hospitality in allowing us to visit. It was a very enjoyable trip.

The 6th grade HOG ROAST was held on November 21. We thank all the 6th grade staff for their efforts in this event and we especially thank all those too numerous to mention that volunteered their time and efforts in making this a very enjoyable day.

Our fall sports seasons have ended and we are into the winter sports of wrestling, girls' and boys' basketball and cheerleading. Please remember that each of these events requires a student to remain academically eligible to be able to participate. All of these sports have contests after the second nine weeks grading period ends; therefore, these students must be eligible on their second nine weeks grade card, December 23, in order to be able to participate after Christmas.

Mid term reports for the second nine weeks went home on November 25. I am very proud to announce that we had 21 of our students attain all A's for the first nine weeks and have joined our GOLD CLUB. Seventy-four students joined our GREEN CLUB, and 90 are in the WHITE CLUB. Our Green Club is for all A's and B's, and our White Club is for nothing lower than a C on their report card. Each club offers various rewards. We are extremely proud of our 180 new club members for the first nine weeks. Each of these students will be receiving a Paulding Middle School tee-shirt, as well as their respective club card awards.

Pictures were taken for the memory book and cafeteria system. Memory books will be ordered sometime after Christmas and will be coming home in the spring.

Thank you for your support of Paulding Schools. Without you we could never do what we do here. Happy Thanksgiving!

High School-Todd Harmon

Paulding High School would like say thanks for supporting the levy. It is an awesome

task to prepare tomorrow's future leaders so having the community support for this great mission is tremendously appreciated.

As we move into the winter sports season, we wish the teams the best. Thanks go out to our quiz bowl team led by Melissa Dearth, Engineering team led by Kristina Williams and Science Olympiad team led by Kristina Williams, Angel Perry and Bill and Marilyn Gangwer. Thanks to Jon Snodgrass for his many acts of citizenship with establishing the football field flagpole, organizing the fundraiser for the local food pantry and preparing the Veterans assembly. Helping Mr. Snodgrass with the Veterans assembly was Karen Schlatter, another role model for citizenship. She has put in tireless hours taking care of the school grounds by pulling weeds, assisting students with college applications and paperwork, helping NHS, promoting student acts of citizenship by teaching them the value of community service including preparing for the Senior Citizens' breakfast. If you see these two individuals, please thank them as they are always working behind the scenes and out of the spotlight.

We are excited for Drama Director Ruby Crossland and her assistants Sandy Dobbelaere and Jayne Smiley who prepared our students to perform the musical "It's a Wonderful Life". This was a change of pace as the musical is usually in the spring. It was a heartwarming performance that will help all appreciate the holiday season with family.

Please check the school website or call the school office to get information on the upcoming holiday programs. We also want to remind our senior citizens that the breakfast this year will be December 10. Please begin to make plans now for this busy, yet rewarding day. December 14 is the next high school band concert and December 15 is the next choir concert. Please plan on attending these holiday events. The Student Council and NHS will be having another canned food drive before the holiday break. On behalf of the high school staff and students, I would again like to thank the communities of Paulding, Cecil, Melrose and Oakwood for supporting your local school.

SENIOR CITIZEN CHRISTMAS

The annual Senior Citizen Christmas Breakfast will be on Wednesday, December 10. All district residents 60 years and older are invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. in the auditoria for a great breakfast, fellowship and entertainment. We will be showcasing the talents of our students in each building. Please call the school at 419-399-4656 to register. Parking will be available in the lot on the corner of Emerald Road and Caroline Street.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Paulding High School will be receiving nominations for the PHS Athletic Hall of Fame. A nominee must be a graduate of Paulding or Oakwood, a past coach or administrator or a community member that has contributed to the Athletic Department.

A graduate will be considered ten years after graduation. A coach or administrator will be considered five years after completion of employment.

Nomination forms can be picked up at athletic events, the athletic director's office, the high school office or the administration office. Those forms must be returned to any of those offices by December 10.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week was a great week for our students and staff. Paulding Exempted Village Schools would like to thank our school community for its support. The partnership of students, parents, teachers, staff and community helps PEVS reach its goal of providing students with a quality education so they can grow, prosper and achieve in the 21st century. Again, thanks to everyone in the Paulding Exempted Village Schools District for all you do to make our school a great place for students to learn.

WINTER SPORTS

Good luck to our athletes and coaches as their seasons begin. The scheduled activities will provide an opportunity for students to participate and for fans to enjoy the events. The National Federation of State High School Athletic Association advises the following for parents and other fans:

- Realize that a ticket is a privilege to observe a contest and support school activities, not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious.
- Respect decisions of contest officials.
- Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting teams in every manner possible,

including content of cheers and signs.

- Respect fans, coaches and participants.
- BE A FAN...NOT A FANATIC

All students are to remain seated once the game starts until half time. Once the second half starts, students are to remain seated until the end of the game, even if they are seated with parents.

LIVE BROADCAST OF GAMES

Corbin Vance will be broadcasting all of the home boys' basketball games and some of the girls' home basketball games on radio station 1620 AM. The games can also be heard live on wpaulive.com.

WALKING FOR EXERCISE

Walkers may use the buildings according to the following schedule: Oakwood Elementary-Monday-Thursday, 6:45-8:00 a.m. and 4-6:00 p.m. Please use the First Street entrance by the flag poles. Paulding High School-Monday-Thursday, 6-7:30 a.m. on the balcony and 5-6:30 p.m. on the ramp.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

SchoolRooms is a K-12 multimedia site available to all students. It consists of 71 Rooms or Subject Guides with more than 1,700 Web page views, links to more than 22,000 educator-selected Web sites, and library books. You may access this site from the school Media Center page or directly at schoolrooms.infohio.org. Stop by the school library or contact Mrs. Williams for the username and password.

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

JH Wrestling

Dec. 8	Lincolnview-T	5:00
Dec. 13	Bryan Invitational-T	9:00
Dec. 18	Fairview-T	4:30
Dec. 22	Edgerton@TinoraT	4:00

Varsity Wrestling

Dec. 13	Lancer Invitational-T	10:00
Dec. 20	Edgerton Invitational-T	9:30
Dec. 23	Ayersville@Grove-T	6:30
Dec. 30	Tipp City Holiday-T	9:30

JH Boys Basketball

Dec. 9	Crestview-T	5:00
Dec. 11	Van Wert-H	5:00
Dec. 15	Bryan-T	4:30
Dec. 16	Spencerville-H	5:00
Dec. 18	Tinora-T	4:30
Dec. 29	Wayne Trace-H	4:30

Freshman Basketball

Dec. 11	Bluffton-H	5:00
Dec. 15	Defiance-H	5:00
Dec. 16	Wayne Trace-H	5:00
Dec. 18	Columbus Grove-T	5:00
Dec. 22	Van Wert-T	5:00

Boys JV/Varsity Basketball

Dec. 5	Continental-T	6:30
Dec. 6	Antwerp-T	6:00
Dec. 12	Defiance-H	6:30
Dec. 13	Wayne Trace-T	6:30
Dec. 19	Columbus Grove-T	6:30
Dec. 23	Van Wert-H	6:00
Dec. 30	Parkway-H	6:30

JH Girls Basketball

Dec. 4	Wayne Trace-H	4:30
Dec. 8	Antwerp-H	5:00
Dec. 9	Crestview-H	5:00
Dec. 11	Van Wert-T	5:00
Dec. 15	Bryan-H	5:00
Dec. 16	Spencerville-t	5:00

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball

Dec. 2	Antwerp-T	6:00
Dec. 4	Edgerton-H	6:00
Dec. 9	Hicksville-T	6:00
Dec. 11	Bluffton-T	6:00
Dec. 16	Wayne Trace-T	6:00
Dec. 18	Columbus Grove-H	6:00
Dec. 29	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA
Dec. 30	Bryan Invitational-T	TBA

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Dec. 1	Vantage Rep w/Sophomores-Aud.	8:00a
Dec. 1	Science Olympiad Bstr Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 2	PE/OE Xmas/Kids Visit w/98.1 & 105.7	
Dec. 2	4th/5th gr. Geography Bee-Oak & Pldg	
Dec. 3	Athletic Booster Meeting	7:00p
Dec. 3-5	Oakwood PTO Santa's Secret Shop	
Dec. 4	P.E. PTO Family Movie Night-Aud.	
Dec. 4	FFA Sub Dist. Parli Pro-Delphos	
Dec. 5	Jostens Class Ring Del. During lunch	
Dec. 5	FFA Fruit Pick-up Day	2:30-5:30p
Dec. 8	FFA Chapter Meeting-Ag Room	6:00p
Dec. 9	FFA Dist. Parli Pro-Lincolnview	
Dec. 10	Senior Citizens' Xmas Breakfast	8:00a
Dec. 11	PldgEl Xmas Musical-Aud.	2:30 & 7:30
Dec. 12	Oakwood Student/Month Lunch	
Dec. 13	ACT Test	7:30a-12:30
Dec. 14	Band Concert-Gr. 5-12-Aud.	3:00
Dec. 15	Wonder of XMAS Choir Con-Aud	8:00
Dec. 16	OakEl 5th gr. Christmas Musical	7:00p
Dec. 16	Board Meeting-Adm. Bldg.	7:00p
Dec. 18	OakEl 5th/6th gr Band/Choir Con	7:00p
Dec. 19	OakEl Kdg Family Reading Day	3:00
Dec. 19, 22, 23	High School Exams	
Dec. 21	MS/HS Concert Make-up Date	3:00
Dec. 22	Band Bstr Mtg-Band Room	7:00p
Dec. 22	OakEl Xmas Prog/Con Make-up Date	
Dec. 23	End of Second Nine Weeks/First Sem.	
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Jan. 5	Classes Resume	



Woodlan played against Canterbury 11/19. Both JV & Varsity played hard, but lost. Sophomore Emily Thomas goes to score with Canterbury's Tory Sengstack over her back. More pics of JV & Varsity at www.westbendnews.net

#1 RANKED CANTERBURY HOLD THEIR OWN AGAINST LADY WARRIORS

By: Jeff Abbott
 Tabitha Gerardot led defending Class A girls' basketball champions and #1 ranked Canterbury to a 53-45 win over Woodlan. Gerardot scored 31 points and had 22 rebounds to top the Warriors. Canterbury got off 15-6 lead

after the first quarter. Woodlan trimmed the lead to just 2 points, 26-24 at the half, but Canterbury held on throughout the second half for the win. Grace Keller led Woodlan scoring, getting 15 points including 2 three-pointers and 5 of 6 from the free throw line.

Score by the Quarter:
 Canterbury - 15 11 14 13=53
 Woodlan - 6 18 9 12=45

FOOTBALL BANQUET HELD AT WOODLAN

By: Jeff Abbott
 The Woodlan Football Booster Club held the annual Warrior Football Banquet at the high school on Tuesday, November 11 to recognize the Woodlan football team and coaching staff, cheerleaders, training staff, and boosters for the 2008 season.

Booster Club President Dean Gerig opened the meeting/banquet, treasurer Lyn Randall gave the financial report, and election of officers for the 2009 Booster Club were held. Tim Hines will be the President of the Booster Club in 2009.

Coach Barry Ehle recognized the football teams for the Woodlan Warriors. The seventh grade team was 2-3-1, the eighth grade team was 4-2, freshmen were 3-5, the reserve team was 2-6, and the varsity team finished 4-6 on the season.

Seniors presented Coach Ehle with a decorative throw and presented the cheerleaders gifts for their work for the team this season.

Woodlan Academic All-Conference - Presented by Athletic Director, Denny Miesle:

Players - Derek Fritz, Aury Keller, Chris Malfait, Ben Schlie

Manager - Rachel Hathaway

Woodlan 1st Team All-Conference - Chris Malfait & Ben Schlie

2nd Team All-Conference - Aury Keller, Jayme Schwartz, & Luke Schwartz

Woodlan Letter Winners - presented by Coach Barry Ehle

3rd Letter Winners - Jacob Coomer, Cade Hetrick, Aury Keller, Chris Malfait, Ben Schlie, Rachel Hathaway

2nd Letter Winners - J.D. Bontrager, Ryan Bridge, Derek Fritz, Taylor Gorrell, Austin Lebamoff, Michael Lortie, Cameron Ruckman, Jayme Schwartz, Luke Schwartz, Dreyer Wentz

1st Letter Winners - Jeb Berning, James Brames, Alex Brenneke, Nick Deitering, Cody Gerig, Joe Grueb, Cameron Kinsey, Cody Linn, Zac Lothamer, Jason Maier, Aaron Mayes, Spencer Mumma, Clint Romines, Cameron Wahl, Nathan Wiedeman, Mike Whitcombe, Chris White

Woodlan MVP Winners (as voted by the players):

Offense - Jayme Schwartz
 Defense - Ben Schlie

Woodlan Booster Club Awards - Presented by

Booster Club President, Dean Gerig:

Offensive Line Player of the Year - Chris Malfait

Offensive Backfield Player of the Year - Aury Keller

Defensive Line Player of the Year - Cody Linn

Defensive Back Player of the Year - Ben Schlie

Bob Hammond Memorial Award - Bob Buuck

Bruce Amstutz Scholarship Award Winner - Ben Schlie

BELLMONT CRUISES PAST WOODLAN IN GIRLS BASKETBALL OPENER

By: Jeff Abbott
 Belmont started fast, pulling out to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter and Squaws cruised in the girls' basketball season opener against the Woodlan Warriors. The Squaws led by halftime 43-15 and placed five players in double figures in scoring in the game, led by Janelle Rhoades with 17 points. Belmont easily won the reserve game 58-16 over Woodlan

Score by the quarter:
 Woodlan - 8 7 12 8=35
 Belmont - 19 24 14 27=84
 Player points:
 Woodlan - Carver 13, Hogue 7, Kirkwood 4, Koeman 4, Keller 4, Yoder 2, Kayser 1

Bellmont - Rhoades 17, Baker 14, Ja. Hakes 13, Terveer 10, Je. Hakes 10, Kaczmarek 6, Roman 6, Schultz 5, Gross 3

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS FOR PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS FOR 12/1 & 12/2

MS/HS - Breakfast:
 12/1 - Breakfast pizza, juice, milk

12/2 - Tator tots & cheese, sausage links, juice, milk

MS/HS - Lunch:
 12/1 - Country fried steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy & biscuit or pizzaburger w/bun, baby carrots/dip & chips, assorted fruit, milk

12/2 - Mandarin chicken salad, breadstick, assorted fruit, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Breakfast:
 12/1 & 12/2 - Assorted cereals, graham crackers, juice, milk

Paulding Elementary

- Lunch:
 12/1 - Hamburger on a bun, carrots, assorted fruit, milk

12/2 - Chicken strips, whipped potatoes w/gravy & bread, assorted fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

PAULDING-PUTNAM AND WKSD'S PLAYER OF THE GAME

Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative and WKSD recently recognized members of the Wayne Trace, Paulding

and Antwerp High School football team for outstanding performance. The players are chosen by the WKSD announcers during their radio broadcast. Paulding-Putnam appreciates the sacrifices that our local athletes make in order to excel in their sport.



Pictured l to r: Wade Bissell, Rodney Baxter and Haden Sholl, not pictured Corbin Rhonehouse.



Pictured l to r: Tevin Hale and Joe Stahl.



Pictured l to r: Quinn Tempel and Josh Smith.

- Breakfast:
 12/1 - Breakfast pizza w/ eggs, bacon & cheese, assorted fruit, milk
 12/2 - Assorted cereal, fruit, milk

Oakwood Elementary

- Lunch:
 12/1 - Hamburger on a bun, pickles, green beans, assorted fruit, milk

12/2 - Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes w/gravy, bread, assorted fruit, milk

Wayne Trace Local Schools Breakfast and Lunch Menus for 12/1 & 12/2

Breakfast:
 12/1 - Pizza, juice, milk
 12/2 - Egg/cheese/bacon muffin, juice, milk

Lunch:
 12/1 - Breaded chicken sandwich, french fries, apple-sauce, milk

12/2 - Mac/cheese, peanut butter sandwich, green beans, peaches, milk

ANTWERP LOCAL SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS FOR 12/1 & 12/2

12/1 - Hot dog on bun or burrito, baked beans, apple-sauce cups, milk; PLUS: salad bar or pudding cup

12/2 - Chicken nuggets or meatball sub, tator tots, pineapple, milk; PLUS: salad bar or brownie

CORRECTION

In the honor roll list for Paulding Elementary, two of Mrs. Karzynow's third grade students were accidentally omitted. Michael Cramer and Gabbie Stahl (all A's).

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A Message Of Thanks At The Holiday

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We thank you for your support this past year and wish you a very happy Thanksgiving.

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OAKWOOD ELEMENTARY RECOGNIZES VETERANS



Oakwood Elementary student and staff welcomed local veterans on November 11 for our Veteran's Day Program. Students sang; read thank you's, read the book and set

America's White Table, and listened to our veterans as some shared of their love, honor, and duty to our country.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM TO PROVIDE BABYSITTING

The Relay for Life team is here to help! On Friday, November 28 from 5:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. James Lutheran Church (located across from the Payne Elementary School), the St. James Lutheran Church Relay for Life team will be providing babysitting services for shoppers. Hourly rates per child or family will apply. The kids will enjoy games, movies, crafts, and more. Please bring any personal items the children will need (i.e. diapers, blankets, baby food, formula, etc.). Good food and snacks will also be provided—breakfast at 8:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m., and a snack at 2:00 p.m.

Let the kids enjoy a fun-filled day while the adults enjoy getting the shopping done. For more information, you may call one of the following relay team members: Deb Baumert at 263-2587, Jane Collis at 263-2961 or Lyn Babich at 263-0389.

Be sure to tell the businesses you patronize, that you saw their ad in the West Bend News.

PAULDING LIBRARY CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Paulding County Carnegie Library will be closed Thursday, November 27 through Saturday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The system will reopen normal hours on Monday, December 1, 2008.

GOVERNOR'S WAGE POLICY BAD FOR OHIO'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

In today's highly-competitive global marketplace, any scheme that would raise the cost of doing business in the state could have a detrimental effect on Ohio's ability to attract investment, create jobs and grow our economy. Unfortunately, in September, the Strickland Administration proposed doing just that through a major expansion of Ohio's prevailing wage rules.

Ohio law requires contractors on public construction projects to pay their workers prevailing wage, a union-negotiated rate, which is determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce and varies from community to community. Prevailing wage rates are often much higher than the market wage rate. While supporters of the law believe it ensures quality in construction, opponents of prevailing wage argue that it severely restricts competition and unnecessarily raises project costs.

A report issued by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission in May 2002 estimated that a prevailing wage exemption on Ohio School Facilities Commission projects, which was rescinded by Governor Strickland after he took office, saved the state and school districts nearly \$490 million between 1997 and 2002.

The Governor's expansive wage proposal, which took effect on October 15th, requires private developers to pay their workers prevailing wage if they receive public financial assistance, including state loans, grants and tax credits. For example, if a company receives a \$2 million grant from the state to build an \$80 million facility in Van Wert, that entire project would be subject to prevailing wage. In addition, under Governor Strickland's policy, businesses have to pay prevailing wage on the construction of an entire new building if they use public funds to buy machinery and equipment for the facility. In many cases, the additional cost of prevailing wage payments would obliterate the value of the state incentive and make the incentive moot.

Also, in a move that could undermine the future success of the Clean Ohio Fund, the Governor's plan mandates the payment of prevailing wage for private development projects, which are built on land that is cleaned up using state funds. The Clean Ohio program, which voters renewed through passage of Issue 2 in November, has funded the clean up of more than 170 industrial areas since 2000—projects which have leveraged nearly \$2.6 billion in private investment and helped create more than 14,750 new jobs.

financial assistance to prospective companies is a major tool in the effort to lure new business investment to the state. These incentives often mean the difference between a company deciding to expand in Ohio or choosing to take their jobs and tax revenue elsewhere. The Governor's prevailing wage plan will raise the cost of doing business in Ohio and, in some cases, deter companies from accepting public dollars for fear that their project costs will skyrocket. This puts the state at an incredible disadvantage in the effort to attract development to our communities and, ultimately, jeopardizes our economic future.

Fortunately, there are efforts underway in the General Assembly to, at the very least, encourage discussion about the Governor's proposal and allow parties on both sides of the debate to voice their thoughts and concerns. Although competitive wages are critical for the workers of our state, my hope is that an agreement can be reached that will prevent wasting tax money with over-inflated wage rates, prevent higher development costs for business owners and prevents damaging the important progress we have made in recent years to improve Ohio's business climate.

I encourage all residents of the 1st Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if

you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

On Saturday, November 29, 2008, the Paulding Lions Club will host Santa Day at the Paulding Eagles. The fun day starts at 11:00 a.m.

From 11:00 a.m. to Noon games and crafts are planned. Lunch will be served from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. kids are welcome to visit with Santa.

Lunch is being served by the Eagles Auxilliary. Hot dogs, coney dogs, chips, macaroni & cheese, and punch will be served. There will also be a kid and adult raffle.

SETH C. SMITH MAKES DEAN'S LIST

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Kick off the holiday season with a Snowman Craft Night on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library. The Snowman Craft Night is free and is open to all children. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Hicksville Library as a part of its Patron Appreciation Week.

The Snowman Craft Night will include snowman stories, songs, movie, and of course a popcorn snowman craft.

"Come on out and celebrate Patron Appreciation Week and kick off the Christmas season with the Friends of the Hicksville Library," invited Branch Manager Amy Murphy. "We'll be sharing snowman stories and decorating popcornball snowmen. They'll make great holiday centerpieces and very sweet treats."

For more information, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200 or email murphyam@oplin.org.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Jonathan Gregory Sterrett was born on November 13, 2008 at Van Wert County Hospital. He was born at 9:23 p.m., weighed 8lb. 2oz., and was 19½ in. long.

His parents are Justin and Kelly Sterrett of Payne. Grandparents are the late John Sterrett, Paula and Mick Metzger of Van Wert, and Greg and Beth Bollenbacher of Payne.

Jonathan was welcomed home by siblings Dalton 13, Alexis 4, and Larissa 2.

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BECKMAN - FLOSS



Susan Kay Beckman and Brent Matthew Floss would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Jerry and Paulette Beckman of Paulding. She is a 1988 graduate of Paulding High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of Toledo with a Bachelor's of education, and a 2002 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Master's of education. Susan is currently employed as an 8th grade math teacher at Defiance Junior

High School.

The groom-to-be is the son of Dr. Robert and Barbara Floss of Hampton, AR. He is a 1991 graduate of Hampton High School, he completed a 5-year National Joint Apprenticeship program of Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry in 1996. He is currently employed by Local 50 Welder/Pipefitter for Industrial Power Systems.

Their wedding date is set for Saturday, December 27, 2008 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding.

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The couple have seven children: Melissa, Josh, Kyle, Tyler, Rylee, Amanda, and Austin. They have four grandchildren.

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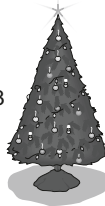
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LET'S TALK TURKEY!

By: Jim Lopshire, Extension Educator

Thanksgiving Day is a very special day for families to create traditions and memories that last a lifetime. Though there is no real evidence that turkey was served at the Pilgrim's first thanksgiving, turkey has become an indispensable part of the Thanksgiving tradition. Since the turkey is a tradition of Thanksgiving, let's look at some turkey facts provided by the University of Illinois:

The American Indians

hunted wild turkey for its meat as early as 1000 A.D. They made turkey "callers" from the turkey wing bones, used feathers to decorate ceremonial clothing and stabilize arrows, and the spurs on the legs of wild tom turkeys were used on arrowheads.

Wild turkeys can glide as far as a mile without flapping their wings. They can fly for short distances up to 55 miles per hour and can run 20 miles per hour.

Domestic turkeys cannot fly.

Wild turkeys spend the night in trees roosting on the branches.

Turkeys can see movement almost a hundred yards away and can see in color.

Turkeys' heads change colors when they become excited.

In 1970, 50 per cent of all turkey consumed was during the holidays, now just 29 per cent of all turkey consumed is during the holidays as more turkey is eaten year-round.

In 2006, Turkey was the number 4 protein choice for American consumers behind chicken, beef and pork.

In 2007, the average American ate 17.5 pounds of turkey.

271,685,000 turkeys were produced in the United States in 2007.

The average weight of a turkey purchased at Thanksgiving is 15 pounds.

Big Bird from the Sesame Street program is dressed in a costume of turkey feathers. His costume is made of nearly 4,000 white turkey feathers that are dyed yellow.

The average person consumes 4,500 calories on Thanksgiving Day. Now that's a lot of turkey!

From our office to you and your family, have an enjoyable Thanksgiving Day.

"FROM THE VANTAGE POINT:" MORE THAN A LIBRARY

By: Media Center Specialist Pam Knodel And Administrative Assistant Michele Prichard

It has been a busy fall in the Vantage Media Center! All Vantage juniors and seniors visited the Media Center for orientation where they learned what services are offered. Students are able to check out books, magazines and newspapers as well as laptop computers and digital cameras. Computers in the Media Center are available for research and class assignments. Instructors often bring their classes to the Media Center for special projects. Students also visit the Media Center during their lunch hour to read magazines, play chess and checkers, or to just "hang out." Readers are invited to join the Media Center book club. For every five books a student reads, he or she is entered into a drawing, held at the end of each nine weeks, for a free book of their choice.

Students who require additional credits in order to graduate are enrolled in the online Virtual Learning system. Training in the use of the system takes place in early fall in the Media Center. Credits are offered in social studies, science, math, English and health. Students are able to work on these courses using any computer with internet access.

In September the Media Center celebrated Banned Books Week, celebrating the freedom to read. Students raced to the Media Center each morning to be the first to answer the Banned Book trivia question read over the morning announcements. Danielle Fraser, an Interactive Media student, was the winner of a book of her choice in the Banned Book drawing.

October brought Teen Read Week with the theme "Books with Bite." Activities were held in the Media Center including reading rewards and check-out promotions. Many students participated in a Pac-Man tournament during their lunch hour. Students also submitted entries for an essay contest where they were asked to read a book and write a persuasive essay encouraging someone else to read their book. The essay contest winner was junior Food Careers student Shelby Quigg from Parkway, who wrote about *The Notebook* by Nicholas Sparks. She received a Halloween gift basket full of prizes.

In November the annual Media Center chess and checkers tournament was held. Students compete during lunchtime with daily win-



Vantage junior Food Careers student, Shelby Quigg from Parkway, shows off the gift basket she won as the winner of the essay contest during Teen Read Week.

ners progressing through a tournament bracket. The final showdown is held between the winners of the two lunch periods. Chess winners this year were two juniors - Jerod Curran, a Health Careers student from Delphos St. Johns and Lincolnview's Maggie Girardot, from Network Systems. Checkers winners were Sam Holley, a junior from Wayne Trace in Interactive Media and Brad Allmandinger, a Van Wert junior in Network Systems.

The always popular Media Center annual holiday book fair will be held December 5-12. Books are delivered by Readmore/Brunner News. Staff and students have the opportunity to purchase books, magazines and calendars at 30% off and no tax. It's a great way to encourage reading and to get some Christmas shopping done!

During the 2007-2008 school year, individual students visited the Media Center over 6,000 times. Twenty-four different instructors brought their class to the Media Center for 457 class periods. Books and magazines were checked out or used in the library over 4,600 times. The Vantage Media Center is always a groovy, rockin' and busy place.

LEARN MORE ABOUT CANDY MAKING & THE THEATER AT THE HICKSVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER'S PROGRAMS

Learn more about candy making and the theater on Tuesday, December 2 at the Hicksville Community Service Center's educational programs.

At 7:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Michael's Church, the Hicksville Community Service Center will be sponsoring a Candy-Making Class. At least three different candies will be made and sampled with the basics of candy making explained, so you can begin your own Christmas candy making. The class will be hosted by Angie Slattery, Diane Collins, and Loraine Vetter. There is a registration fee for materials, and pre-registration is encouraged. Please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173 to reserve your spot.

Also on December 2 at 7:00 p.m., the Hicksville Community Service Center and the Village Players will co-sponsor an Introduction to Theatre at the Huber Opera House and Civic Center. Join the Village Players for their dress rehearsal as they prepare for their production of *The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge*. This evening offers a great opportunity to learn about costumes, set design, technical set-up, and other aspects of the theater.

For more information on the theater night or to RSVP for it, either call the Hicksville Community Service Center or email HicksvilleVPs@hotmail.com.

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